

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Thursday, January 19, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; Hon. Don Campbell, President, in the chair.

Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Senator Pickett moved the reading of journal be dispensed with. Carried.

Senator Baker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be required to procure the necessary lights, fuel, stationery and postage stamps, and to employ such clerical assistance as may be required for the present session of the Senate. All accounts for lights, fuel, stationery, etc., to be approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Senator Ruby offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be and is hereby authorized and instructed to contract for twenty (20) copies of the "Daily State Journal," and ten (10) copies of the Austin German "Vorwärts," at the rate of seven (7) cents per copy, to be placed every morning during the session, on the desks of each member.

Senator Flanagan moved to amend by striking out twenty and inserting ten copies.

On motion of Senator Pridgen, referred to Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Senator Gaines offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the per diem pay of clerks and doorkeepers be from five (\$5) to six (\$6) dollars per diem.

On motion of Senator Pridgen, referred to Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Senator Pickett introduced joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to secure the establishment of the port of Sabine Pass a port of entry; and petition of citizens of Eastern Texas.

Joint resolution read first time.

On motion of Senator Pickett, the rules were suspended, joint resolution read second time and passed to engrossment.

Rules further suspended, joint resolution read third time and passed.

Senator Mills moved the Postmaster of the Senate be allowed leave of absence for ten days.

Carried.

The President announced the following Standing Committees :

Examine Comptroller's and Treasurer's Account : Hall, Chairman ; Bowers, Latimer, Pyle, Hertzberg, Pridgen, Hildebrandt.

Enrolled Bills : Pridgen, Chairman ; Douglas, Gaines.

Engrossed Bills : Ruby, Chairman ; Dohoney, Hall.

Agricultural Affairs : Rawson, Chairman ; Shannon, Pridgen.

Retrenchment and Reform : Saylor, Chairman ; Pickett, Pettit.

Stock and Stock Raising : Ford, Chairman ; Hildebrandt, Flanagan, Gaines, Latimer.

Indian Affairs and Frontier Protection : Fountain, Chairman ; Hertzberg, Tendick, Pyle, Shannon, Bowers, Broughton.

Land Office : Hertzberg, Chairman ; Evans, Baker.

Public Debt : Pettit, Chairman ; Douglas, Baker.

Public Buildings : Mills, Chairman ; Bowers, Fountain.

Federal Relations : Baker, Chairman ; Flanagan, Parsons, Ruby, Dillard.

Printing : Fountain, Chairman ; Douglas, Saylor.

Nominations by the Governor : Parsons, Chairman ; Broughton, Fountain.

Contingent Expenses : Mills, Chairman ; Dillard, Gaines, Cole, Hildebrandt.

Claims and Accounts : Rawson, Chairman ; Pyle, Pettit.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries : Bell, Chairman ; Cole, Flanagan.

Counties and County Boundaries : Hall, Chairman ; Broughton, Gaines.

Privileges and Elections : Baker, Chairman ; Hertzberg, Cole, Gaines, Clark.

State Affairs : Ford, Chairman ; Bell, Clark, Pettit, Douglas.

Public Lands : Pridgen, Chairman ; Evans, Bell, Saylor, Broughton.

Militia : Tendick, Chairman ; Ruby, Rawson, Shannon, Hall, Clark, Mills.

Finance : Saylor, Chairman ; Tendick, Evans, Hildebrandt, Dohoney.

Immigration : Parsons, Chairman ; Pickett, Hertzberg, Tendick, Evans, Rawson, Dohoney.

Private Land Claims : Ruby, Chairman ; Clark, Ford, Bowers, Rawson.

Education : Pettit, Chairman ; Ruby, Tendick, Pickett, Latimer, Ford, Dillard.

Penitentiary : Bell, Chairman ; Ford, Mills, Pickett, Latimer.

Internal Improvements: Flanagan, Chairman; Parsons, Mills, Cole, Saylor, Bell, Douglas, Baker, Pyle.

Committee on Judiciary: Fountain, Chairman; Parsons, Bowers, Hall, Saylor, Pickett, Dohoney, Ruby.

On motion of Senator Flanagan the Secretaries, Sergeant-at-Arms and Doorkeeper were sworn in as officers of the Senate.

Senator Mills presented the petition of John S. Stamp.

Read and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Senator Pickett the Chairman of the Committee on Printing was requested to have one hundred copies of the Senate committees printed and laid on the members' desks.

Senator Tendick introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the twenty-second section of an act prescribing the times of holding the district courts in the several judicial districts in the State."

Read first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Clark presented the petition of Moses. L. Patton for relief.

Read and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Senator Parsons introduced a bill, entitled "An act granting assistance to the Agricultural, Mechanical and Blood Stock Association of Texas.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

Also, a bill to incorporate the Houston Turnverein.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Ruby introduced a bill to incorporate the Island City Gas Company.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Also, a bill to regulate and define the duties of cotton weighers.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill to incorporate Paris Commercial College.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Flanagan introduced a bill to authorize counties, cities and towns to aid in the construction of railroads and other works of internal improvement.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Pickett introduced an act for the relief of the heirs of Benjamin Franklin.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize

the county courts to sell the school lands situated in their respective counties."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Messages from the Governor by his Private Secretary :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

AUSTIN, January, 19, 1871.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas :

GENTLEMEN ; I respectfully ask the advice and consent of your honorable body to the following appointments, viz :

Sam. N. Canfield, Commissioner of Pilots for Matagorda Bay.

L. W. Stevenson, Financial Agent State Penitentiary.

H. H. Parker, Notary Public, Bell county.

George M. Hunter, Notary Public, Bexar county.

Julius Hoyer, Notary Public, Bexar county.

John M. Shafter, Notary Public, Bexar county.

Frank Manning, Notary Public, Bexar county.

Sam. M. Johnson, Notary Public, Calhoun county.

W. S. Chichester, Notary Public, Calhoun county.

H. Haupt, Notary Public, Cameron county.

Otto Groos, Notary Public, Comal county.

S. C. Slade, Notary Public, El Paso county.

Thomas C. Bean, Notary Public, Fannin county.

R. B. Semple, Notary Public, Fannin county.

Robert Zapp, Notary Public, Fayette county.

J. H. Lewis, Notary Public, Fayette county.

A. Youngbecker, Notary Public, Fayette county.

H. M. Majors, Notary Public, Freestone county.

Hugo Brosig, Notary Public, Galveston county.

C. B. Gardner, Notary Public, Galveston county.

T. C. Biddle, Notary Public, Galveston county.

Edward T. Austin, Notary Public, Galveston county.

W. R. Johnson, Notary Public, Galveston county.

G. T. Ruby, Notary Public, Galveston county.

E. Simmler, Notary Public, Harris county.

P. Christen, Notary Public, Harris county.

F. de Bajlegthy, Notary Public, Harris county.

J. M. Kaumheimer, Notary Public, Harris county.

G. Meyer, Notary Public, Harris county.

E. Wolforth, Notary Public, Jack county.

James P. Hague, Notary Public, Jasper county.

C. J. Terrell, Notary Public, Limestone county.

A. C. Fairman, Notary Public, McLennan county.

B. F. Hams, Notary Public, McLennan county.

J. W. Johnson, Notary Public, Marion county.
 T. R. Owen, Notary Public, Marion county.
 Alex. Britton, Notary Public, Marion county.
 R. H. Kirby, Notary Public, Marion county.
 J. E. George, Notary Public, Montgomery county.
 S. R. Frost, Notary Public, Navarro county.
 J. C. Brooks, Notary Public, Newton county.
 J. W. Ward, Notary Public, Nueces county.
 E. L. James, Notary Public, Robertson county.
 A. J. Byrd, Notary Public, Robertson county.
 L. W. Collins, Notary Public, Travis county.
 F. W. Sutor, Notary Public, Travis county.
 W. D. Scott, Notary Public, Travis county.
 Jno. T. Haynes, Notary Public, Travis county.
 Elbridge Perry, Notary Public, Travis county.
 R. B. Johns, Notary Public, Travis county.
 A. B. Peticolas, Notary Public, Victoria county.
 Henry Kuhme, Notary Public, Victoria county.
 W. J. Craig, Notary Public, Victoria county.
 R. L. Bassett, Notary Public, Washington county.
 D. V. Grant, Notary Public, Williamson county.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,
Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
AUSTIN, January 19th, 1871.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas:

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully ask the advice and consent of your honorable body to the following appointments, viz:

T. C. Garland, Judge of the District Court for the Fourteenth Judicial District.

J. L. Gray, Judge of the District Court for the Seventh Judicial District.

Also to the appointment of S. B. Newcomb, as Judge of the District Court for the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District, vice C. J. Clark, deceased.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,
Governor.

Messages read and referred to Committee on Nominations, and on motion of Senator Pickett, made the special order for Wednesday, at 12 M., in Executive Session.

Senator Flanagan, Chairman of Select Committee on Rules reported, recommending the adoption of the rules of the late called session with the following amendments:

Rule 71, strike out the following words: "Bills creating private corporations."

Add as Rule 101, the following: "No motion to table an amendment shall carry with it the original bill or resolution."

Report received and read.

Senator Pettit offered the following amendment: Rule 85, line one, after the word "bills," strike out the word "committed," and insert the word referred.

Amendment adopted.

On motion of Senator Fountain, the report and rules as amended were adopted.

And on motion of Senator Flanagan, one hundred copies were ordered printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Ruby, the Senate adjourned to 11 A. M. to-morrow.
